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In re Application of :
Kato et al. :
Application No. 09/445,258 :
Filed: December 1, 1999 :
Attorney Docket No. 01997-013600 :

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed July 25, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely reply within three months to the non-final Office action mailed December 4, 2002. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were timely obtained. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on March 5, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on July 30, 2003.

Petitioner has met the requirements to revive the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The above-identified application is being revived solely for purposes of continuity. As continuity has been established by this decision reviving the above-identified application, the above-identified application is again abandoned in favor of continuing application No. 10/626,686.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, since the \$930.00 extension of time fee submitted with the petition on July 25, 2003 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account as authorized.

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